

REMARKS

Applicants are further amending their claims, as amended by the Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment enclosed with the Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed November 5, 2007, to provide consistency in claim 4 between the designation of the general formula as set forth in line 4 and as set forth adjacent the structural formula, and to provide consistency in claims 7 and 14 among recitation of the "R's", as including superscripts. That is, as amended by the Examiner in the aforementioned Examiner's Amendment, in line 4 "general formula (II) is set forth and adjacent the structural formula itself, "(III)" is set forth. In order to provide consistency with respect to the general formula, the designation adjacent the structural formula has been changed from "(III)" to --II--, consistent with the general formula (II) in line 4 of claim 4.

Initially, entry of these amendments of claims 4, 7 and 14 is respectfully requested. Providing consistency between the designation of the general formula both in line 4 of claim 4 and adjacent the structural formula, and providing consistency among the "R's" in claims 7 and 14, it is respectfully submitted that these amendments merely embody correction of formal matters in the claims without changing the scope thereof.

In any event, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments of claims 4, 7 and 14 are necessary for proper protection of the invention, to provide consistency within these claims, and will require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. As indicated previously, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments are necessary in order to consistently refer to the fluorinating agent represented by the general formula, and to consistently refer to the "R's", and that the proposed amended claims 4, 7 and 14 will require no additional search or

examination, claims 4, 7 and 14 being allowable for the same reason that these claims have previously been allowed.

Moreover, it is noted that the inconsistencies in the claims arose in the Examiner's Amendment, mailed concurrently with the Notice of Allowance, and, accordingly, were not discovered by Applicants until after mailing of the Notice of Allowance. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments could not have been presented earlier, prior to issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made the necessary showing under 37 CFR 1.312; and that, accordingly, entry of the present amendments is proper, without withdrawing the application from issue.

In view of all of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, issuance of a U.S. patent based upon the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 396.45117X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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